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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bala (2002/0184618).

What is claimed is:

Bala

- 1. A data format conversion method comprising the step of converting a program of a first data format to a program of a second data format on the basis of a conversion rule designated by a convert direction of a data format contained in input information containing the program of the first data format.
- See the title and the abstract.

2. A data format conversion method as (using a defined in claim 1, wherein said convert direction designates one of a plurality of conversion rules for executing conversion to a plurality of different second data formats in such a fashion as to correspond to at least one first data format.

See section 0049 which checks

conversion rule) to see if code is current.

3. A data format conversion method as defined in claim 1, wherein said conversion rule is acquired through a

See sects, 0035-0037.

communication network.

As per claims 4-6, see the rejection of claims 1-3.

See the rejection of claims 1-3 above in reference to claims 7-8.

In reference to claims 9-11 and 13-16, see the rejection of claims 1-3.

The features of claim 12 are taught via section 0013 in view of section 0037.

See again the rejections of claims 1-3 and fig. 3 in regards to claims 17-21

Other references, although not specifically cited, are considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Chavis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3720. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00am-4:30pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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